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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
 Kazuo Sano, et al. :
 Serial No. 09/879,958 : Group Art Unit: 2673
 Filed: June 14, 2001 : Examiner:
 For: CCM CALCULATING SYSTEMS, CCM CALCULATING METHOD AND
 RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
 please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) A CCM calculating system for calculating a
 blending ratio of colorants based on stored color data, said system
 comprising:

a receiving means for receiving input data of color
 specification values corresponding to a desired target color; and
 a calculating means for calculating a blending ratio of
 colorants for reproducing said target color based on said input
 data of color specification values and said stored color data.